

Senate Resolution 1394

By: Senators Chance of the 16th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Local Government Contracting Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the counties and municipalities of this state enter into numerous contracts each
4 year for the provision of goods and services; and

5 WHEREAS, in entering into these contracts, the counties and municipalities are desirous of
6 getting the best prices for such goods and services to minimize the cost to the taxpayers; and

7 WHEREAS, in many cases, counties and municipalities could achieve significant savings
8 in the contracting for such goods and services if the counties and municipalities could enter
9 into long-term contracts with vendors; and

10 WHEREAS, there presently exist significant legal and practical obstacles to such long-term
11 contracts by counties and municipalities; and

12 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the current laws, practical and legal
13 impediments, and advantages and disadvantages regarding local government contracting to
14 determine if changes are needed in the law to permit and facilitate long-term contracting by
15 counties and municipalities in this state.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
17 Local Government Contracting Study Committee to be composed of five members of the
18 Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall
19 designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of
20 the chairperson.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions

23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
24 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee is authorized to
27 utilize the assistance and expertise of representatives of the Association County
28 Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, and the Carl Vinson Institute
29 of Government of the University of Georgia in performing the work of the committee. The
30 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
31 of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate but shall receive
32 the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the
33 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
34 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2010. The
35 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2010.